

From owner-qrp-l@netcom.com Sat Nov 19 21:45:32 1994
From: NYOUNG@nova.wright.edu
Date: Sat, 19 Nov 1994 19:53:24 -0400 (EDT)
Subject: CW, ESL/SL and a bunch of other stuff that I'll get to eventually
Message-Id: <01HJOBNIL4AG8ZFLGX@nova.wright.edu>

I second Bob's note to D.J. In fact, I second Bob's note to D.J.
in case it might be read by any readers for whom English is a
second language or a chore. Bob's absolutely correct in saying that
CW is a great mode for tossing the grammar books and vocabulary books
out into the snow. I've had wonderful CW QSOs with people who would
normally have struggled to speak into a microphone.
And then there's the ability of most folks to figure out just about
any reduction of English to any level. That's probably one of the
wonders of English: you can chew it up real well and spit it out in
pieces and people will still get the basic meaning.
So leap into the fray, those of you for whom English is a 2nd language.
Remember that Cantonese or Korean or French or Kiswahili is a 2nd
or non-learned language for most hick hayseed gringo English speakers.
To take the risk is half the fun.
(Which, as I noted in email to D.J., reminds me of how I often have
to write down what I want to say in English before I say it because,
as many friends have noticed, I am the only person they know who can
sound aphasic in Norwegian, Spanish and Esperanto. Such joyful fun
that is. Ah... ah.... ah.... Let..... me..... ah ah....)

73

Nils

WB8IJN &c

"Now junior, you know how we feel about people who can suppress
their food barks."

From owner-qrp-l@netcom.com Sat Nov 19 17:20:49 1994
Date: Sat, 19 Nov 1994 15:25:22 -0500 (EST)
From: James Van Houten <alarm@access.digex.net>
Subject: Re: listserv@netcom.com (fwd)
Message-Id: <Pine.SUN.3.91.941119150049.1128A-1000000@access3.digex.net>

I would like to say Thanks to all for the assistance with the listserv
problem. It seems to be fixed now. Thanks again.

Mike,

First of all I did receive instructions from several users. I also
posted the results that I was receiving using those instructions. The
Listserv could not find me subscribed to qrp-l therefore it could not
remove me. As for wlaw-list and newslines-list, I did not ask to be

removed from those lists. Thank you for your help but please change your tone.

Thanks

--Jim

----- Forwarded message -----

Date: Tue, 15 Nov 1994 22:30:06 -0500 (EST)

>From: ARDAI@MAVEN.teradyne.com

To: alarm@access.digex.net

Subject: Re: listserv@netcom.com

Didn't you read the instructions I sent out a few days ago? It said both how to unsubscribe, and who to send mail with any problems. I had already removed you from qrp-l yesterday. If you are still getting mail, it is because it had already been sent out before you were removed - there is nothing I can do to stop that. I have also removed you from wlaw-list and newslines-list.

/mike

nlist@netcom.com

Maintainer, BARC lists

From owner-qrp-l@netcom.com Sat Nov 19 18:10:31 1994

From: rohrwerk@holonet.net

Date: Sat, 19 Nov 1994 13:19:05 -0800

Message-Id: <199411192119.NAA00966@holonet.net>

Subject: Re: Lost another one...

On 11-15-94 johnflem@popmail.mcs.com wrote to qrp-l@netcom.com:

> Could these posts go to r.r.a.homebrew ? Should the qrp-l be just for
> definite qrp activities, like who's where, tips and tricks, etc.??

Well, this list is also known as an alternative "homebrew" group, which is half the reason I personally am on it. QRP is strongly associated with homebrewing, anyway.

Keep the gear talk!

: John Seboldt	rohrwerk@holonet.net	/	I am Bach of Borg...
: Amateur radio	K0JD...	/	your style will be
: Church of the Annunciation,		/	assimilated.
: Minneapolis		/	

-> Alice4Mac 2.3 E QWK Eval:05Mar94

From owner-qrp-l@netcom.com Sat Nov 19 18:16:27 1994
From:rohrwerk@holonet.net
Date: Sat, 19 Nov 1994 13:19:06 -0800
Message-Id: <199411192119.NAA00967@holonet.net>
Subject: QRL?

On 11-15-94 kub@upl.com wrote to qrp-l@netcom.com:

> Last night I was carrying on a nice QRP QSO with NU6U in LA when a
> QRL?? boomed in right over the top of him. We were just about 7.041
> and the band wasn 't crowded. I answered "R", he sent "?", I answered
> "R", he sent "?", then CQ CQ CQ etc. ARRRGGGGHHHH! Needless to say
> NU6U was lost in the din. I hate it when that happens. Could he copy
> me? Obviously he heard something, hence the "?".

Standard answer to QRL? is QRL. With the question mark, it's a question;
without, it's an answer, "This frequency is busy." I have answered C (standard
abbreviation for "yes") at times, but sometimes people miss that in context.

: John Seboldt rohrwerk@holonet.net / I am Bach of Borg...
: Amateur radio K0JD... / your style will be
: Church of the Annunciation, / assimilated.
: Minneapolis /

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From owner-qrp-l@netcom.com Sun Nov 20 00:10:39 1994
Date: Sat, 19 Nov 1994 19:14:21 -0800 (PST)
From: Monte Stark <msswmod@sage.unr.edu>
Subject: Re: Re "589" without meter
Message-Id: <Pine.SUN.3.90.941119190856.22618A-1000000@nimbus>

On Fri, 18 Nov 1994, Mike Czuhajewski wrote:

> Steve Hideg recently wondered how someone using the NE4040/Small Wonder
> rig determined that the other person was 589, when the rig has no S
> meter. Us old timers know that one, from waaaaay back when receivers
> had RF gain controls that we actually used and no AGC. You make a
> judgement call based on the relative strength of the signal compared to
> other signals, background noise, amount of RF gain required, etc. Not
> very precise, but then even an S meter is imprecise at best. That's a
> nice thing about a rig with no AGC--you can tell relative signal
> strengths. If you have a rig with AGC but no S meter, everyone tends
> to have roughly the same audio output level regardless of their
> relative strength, and that makes it hard to give "accurate" signal
> reports. ("Old timer"--I started in 1964 at the age of 14...guess that
> makes me an old timer, though I'm not about to join QCWA--that's an

> admission of old timer-ness!) 73 and Queue Our Pea DE WA8MCQ
> --

Even with the TS930 I often turn off the AGC and use the RF gain. Works great for digging one out next to a 10KW QRO type!

And I have never used the S meter to give a report. Started in 1953 and was so used to doing it "my" way that an S meter just seems to be extra, unnecessary window dressing!.

Not a member of QCWA yet either. But do want to join the SOWP. Need to find their new address. Last one I have for them is a po box in Santa Rosa, CA.

73's, Ron

.....KU7Y.....
.....Monte "Ron" Stark.....
.....Sun Valley, Nevada.....
.....NRA LIFE.....

From owner-qrp-1@netcom.com Sat Nov 19 23:55:33 1994
Message-Id: <aaf46dcd030210039976@[129.74.35.16]>
Date: Sat, 19 Nov 1994 22:11:35 -0500
From: Steve.Hideg.1@nd.edu (Steve Hideg)
Subject: The fine art of RST

All told, then, it appears to me that the components of a signal report are subjective at best, whether one relies on the occasional S-meter or not.

Well, then, why put so much emphasis on it? Ultimately, it is meaningless because it is the interpretation of the operator (or designer of the meter system). I suppose if you work the same station, and the operator is consistent in his interpretations, you may be able to get some meaningful data.

Other than that, it is, at best, a fuzzy indication of how well you two can hear each other.

72!

--Steve

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Microsoft: Software so big, it beeps when it backs up.

From owner-qrp-1@netcom.com Sun Nov 20 00:09:12 1994
Message-Id: <aaf46996010210039bf8@[129.74.35.16]>
Date: Sat, 19 Nov 1994 22:00:58 -0500
From: Steve.Hideg.1@nd.edu (Steve Hideg)
Subject: The fine art of RST

Thanks to everyone on the list who explained how to determine signal strength.

I was also given a similar explanation from Bill, N8ET, at the Fort Wayne hamfest this weekend. (Nice to see you again, Bill!)

Let's see: I picked up most of the extra parts for my 40-40 Saturday. I'm going to start construction really soon, then I'll load up the gutter system on my apartment building, maybe work the Fox, use a cheap keyer (actually, a used bug), and give signal reports without an s-meter...

This list is great!

72!

--Steve

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